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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in the International Search Report mailed March 31, 2004 (and filed with the present application on March 23, 2005):

U.S. Patent No. 5,862,586; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,860,208.

The relevance of the above-noted documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report mailed March 31, 2004.

In addition, Applicant also calls to the attention of the Examiner the following patent documents:

Japanese Patent No. 2858453, which is also cited at page 2 of the specification of the present application, together with an English language translation of the abstract thereof;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 09-321488;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 64-050711; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 04-125996;

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/528,823, filed on March 23, 2005;

U.S. Patent No. 6,370,750; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,513,233.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a) (2) (i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

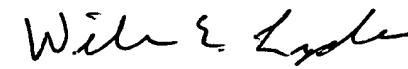
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-

attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

If the Examiner should have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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